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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 2016 OCT 14 AM 11: 119 1 2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO 3 Date: September 12, 2016 4 CASE NO .: 16 BK-13552 Gwendolyn Bibbs 6838 Sayler Ave. Cincinnati, Ohio 45233 VERIFIED VS DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT OF USBANK VERIFICATION OF DEBT 80S. 8th Street Ste 224 Minneapolis, Minn 55402 Notice to Agent is notice to Principal Notice Principal is notice to Agent

DECLARATORY JUDGEMENT OF VERIFICATION OF DEBT

Reference 6838 Sayler Ave Cincinnati. Ohio 45233

Loan Number: 11001886661

I. Introduction

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This adversary proceeding in Bankruptcy Court is required because it pertains to Plaintiff Gwendolyn Bibbs who is not involved in the Bankruptcy but the outcome of the discharge affects her directly.

Defendant claims it has a security interest in the Plaintiffs' property which arises from a Mortgage and <u>NO NOTE</u> signed by Plaintiff Gwendolyn Bibbs on or around June 1 2007

Declaratory Judgment is sought by the Plaintiff to compel the Defendant to provide proof of claim,(<u>there is no note</u>) The Defendant currently insists on enforcing a

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mortgage, (NO NOTE) but have not provided any valid proof of claim, Not even photocopy of a note, (which would be inadmissible) A Promissory Note, like a check is a one of a kind negotiable instrument. One can not take a photocopy of a check to a bank to cash it. It is for this reason that the original wet ink signature promissory note is a critical piece of material evidence to establish whether or not the Defendant is the Holder in Due Course (as governed under the Uniform Commercial Code), and if not, who is. The point at issue of this controversy is the right of enforcement of the Promissory Note by the Defendant. THERE IS NO NOTE! II. Jurisdiction and Venue The subject Property is in Hamilton County and therefore falls under this Honorable Court's jurisdiction. The Plaintiff lives in Hamilton County and the Defendant is a corporation that have done extensive business in Hamilton County. The diverse citizenship of the litigants is covered under interstate commerce. The Venue is IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO is proper under 8 U.S.C. § 1391 (b) and (c) and 15 U.S.C. § 53(b).

1 **III. JUDICIAL NOTICE** 2 Plaintiff moves this Honorable Court to take the following Mandatory Judicial 3 Notice: 4 5 1) Under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 201 (d) of the following: 6 a. The United States Supreme Court, in Haines v Kemer 404 U.S. 519 7 (1972), said that all litigants defending themselves must be afforded the 8 opportunity to present their evidence and that the Court should look to the 9 substance of the complaint rather than the form. 10 b. In Platsky v CIA, 953 F.2d 26 (2nd Cir. 1991), the Circuit Court of Appeals allowed that the District Court should have explained to the 11 12 litigant proceeding without a lawyer, the correct form to the plaintiff so that he could have amended his pleadings accordingly. Plaintiff respectfully 13 14 reserves the right to amend this complaint. 15 2) Under the Federal Rules of Evidence: 16 In Omychund v Barker (1745) 1 Atk, 21, 49; 26 ER 15, 33, Lord Harwicke stated that no evidence was admissible unless it was "the best that the nature of the 17 case will allow". 18

a) Rule 1002. Requirement of Original

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To prove the content of a writing, recording, or photograph, the 1 2 original writing, recording, or photograph is required, except as 3 otherwise provided in these rules or by Act of Congress. 4 5 b) Rule 1003. Admissibility of Duplicates 6 A duplicate is admissible to the same extent as an original unless (1) 7 a genuine question is raised as to the authenticity of the original or (2) 8 in the circumstances it would be unfair to admit the duplicate in lieu of 9 the original. 10 11 c) Rule 901 (a). Requirement of Authentication or Identification 12 The requirement of authentication or identification as a condition 13 precedent to admissibility is satisfied by evidence sufficient to support a 14 finding that the matter in question is what its proponent claims. 15 16 A Copy of a promissory note can not be admitted as evidence unless 17 is it authenticated. 18 19 In presenting evidence regarding the promissory note, a photocopy is 20 considered a forgery for this purpose as its authenticity is at issue and it is 21 unfair to the admit the duplicate in lieu of the original. Under Uniform 22 Commercial Code, the original is required to have a chain of endorsements 23 documenting the chain of title of ownership. The original contains material

evidence pertaining to who the current [emphasis] holder in due course that 1 2 the duplicate (made years ago) can not provide. 3 IV. Standard of Review 4 5 The law provides that pro se/pro per litigants case must be accepted on 6 substance and be liberally construed under F.R.Civ.P 8(e). A pro se litigant can not be 7 held to the same standard as a BAR attorney. The law provides that a pleading should 8 be judged on the merits and not the form to afford justice to all. 9 V. The Parties 10 11 1. The Plaintiff, Gwendolyn Bibbs is a natural woman and resident of Hamilton 12 County seeking bankruptcy protection. Gwendolyn Bibbs is the debtor of the loan. 13 14 3. The Defendant, USBANK, is the alleged lender of this loan with adverse 15 interest in the controversy. Through a series of unknown and undocumented 16 transactions from the original lender, USBANK is claiming to be the current holder in 17 due course and creditor in this action, without a note! 18 19 4. New Century Mortgage is the original lender of the promissory note. 20 21 22

VI. Statement of Facts

First and foremost THERE IS NO NOTE. I closed with New Century Mortgage, Now comes both USBANK and WELLS FARGO stating they own the note. But neither USBANK nor WELLS FARGO has any proof. There is NO NOTE!

Plaintiff, Gwendolyn Bibbs did sign a promissory note and mortgage with the NEW Century Mortgage on or around June 1, 2007.

It is the pattern and practice of banking institutions to bundle and trade "mortgage backed securities" trading and mortgage securitizations¹, therefore it is uncertain who is actually the note holder in due course of the Plaintiff's promissory note and Mortgage

Therefore, it is reasonable for the Plaintiff assume that her loan was also traded and to verify whether or not the Defendant has a valid claim, and the lawful right of enforcement of the alleged debt. Therefore, the Defendant is required to verify that the Defendant has proof of claim and standing under FRBP Rule 3001 (d).

¹ See eg, James R. Barth et al., A Short History of the Subprime Market Meltdown 5 fig.2 (Milken Institute 2008), available at http://www.milkeninstitute.org/publications/publications.taf?function=detail&ID=3880103 8&cat=Papers (Showing that approximately 85% of all home mortgages originated in 2006 and 2007 were securitized)

On January 24 2008 a complaint was filed in Hamilton County Court, however there 1 was **NO NOTE NO TRANFERE, NOTHING.** See Exhibit A 2 3 The propose sale date was September 22, 2016 The Plaintiff, Gwendolyn Bibbs filed for Chapter 13 protection on September 20, 4 5 2016 6 7 The plain facts are simple USBANK brought an action for foreclosure WITHOUT 8 AN PROMISSORY NOTE, now WELLS FARGO is making a claim without a promissory 9 note nor any type of transfer. 10 **VII. CAUSE OF ACTION** 11 12 13 At issue is whether or not the Defendant have valid claim and therefore Standing to enforce the negotiable instrument as well as claim as a creditor. 14 Under (Uniform Commercial Code) U.C.C. Article 3 - 301, it is necessary for the 15 16 Defendant to establish proof of claim in order to have the authority to enforce the 17 negotiable instrument. 18 19 The power of enforcement is subject to "evidence of indebtedness". The Plaintiff 20 hereby petitions this Honorable Court to render a Declaratory Judgment as to whether 21 or not the Defendant has valid claim on the loan as referenced in this case. 22

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Elements of a Declaratory Judgment

- 1. There is a *bona fide*, actual, present, practical need for the declaration sought.

 HERE, the Defendant wishes to collect on a debt but have not provided any valid proof of claim not even a photocopy of an instrument made years ago to an entity other than the Defendant. THEREFORE, a declaration is sought from this court to determine whether the Defendant has claim on the promissory note.
- 2. The declaration deals with present, ascertained or ascertainable state of facts or present controversy as to a state of facts. Anticipated future controversies will not support the action. *HERE*, the Defendant intends to sell the property in a Sheriff Sale and claim standing as a creditor. *THEREFORE*, the declaration is required to resolve whether the Defendant has Standing to enforce the instrument and be named a Creditor in this action.
- 3. Some right, power, privilege, or immunity of the complaining party is dependent on the facts or the law applicable to the facts. *HERE*, the Plaintiff has the right to demand presentment of the original instrument under U.C.C. 3 § 501 (b) 2 (a). It is uncertain who is the Holder in Due Course or whether the Defendant have any rights of enforcement. Under F.R.B.P. Rule 3001 (d), the Defendant must provide proof of claim of perfection of their security interest. *THEREFORE*, the Plaintiff motions this court to compel the Defendant to provide valid proof of claim.
 - 4. Some person has or may have an actual, present, adverse, and antagonistic

the right of Holder in Due Course and seeks to enforce the negotiable instrument as a creditor. As it is the pattern and practice of the banking industry to sell/assign notes that comes into their possession, the Plaintiff has the right to know who is the real party of interest in this subject matter. *THEREFORE*, the declaration is required to clarify each party's position in this controversy.

5. The adverse and antagonistic interest is before the court by proper process or class representation. *HERE*, there is genuine adverse interest. The Defendant wishes to foreclose on the subject property and claim standing as a creditor but have not provided valid proof of claims as defined under Ohio Commercial Code nor F.R.B.P. Rule 3001 (d). THUS, intervention of the court is sought to clarify the Defendant's position and the rights of the Plaintiff.

6. The relief sought is not merely the giving of legal advice by the court or an answer to questions founded merely in curiosity. *HERE*, an absolute declaration is petitioned before this court to adjudicate the rights of each party involved in this controversy. The Defendant wishes to enforce the note and claim standing as a creditor but have not provided any proof of claim. THUS, a declaration is needed to compel the Defendant to either provide proof of claim or release their claim over the Plaintiff.

In conclusion, having fulfilled all the elements of the declaratory judgment, this court has subject matter jurisdiction to declare the rights of each party in this clear and

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present controversy involving the promissory note, who the real parties of interest are and who has standing to enforce the negotiable instrument as a creditor. VIII. PRESUMPTIONS OF LAW REBUTTED 1) The Defendant Has Valid Standing to Enforce the Note It is the presumption that the Defendant has valid Standing to Enforce the promissory note. The Plaintiff hereby motions the court to take judicial notice that the Plaintiff is rebutting this presumption. This right of enforcement is at issue. IX. Claims 1) The Defendant has no Standing to Enforce the Negotiable Instrument It is pattern and practice of banking institutions to sell and/or assign loans. therefore it is uncertain who is actually the current [emphasis] note holder in due course and who is entitled to enforce the promissory note. This is evident by the fact that the original lender was New Century Mortgage, now both USBANK and WELLS

FARGO are making claims, without either one producing the original note.

At issue is who the Holder is and whether the Defendant has the authority of or from the Holder. Under U.C.C. 3 - 301, the authority to enforce the promissory note comes directly from the Holder in Due Course. **Under F.R.B.P. Rule 3001 (d), the Defendant must provide valid proof of claim as a creditor**. Specifically, the Defendant must provide evidence of perfected security interest.

Federal Circuit Courts have ruled that the only way to prove the perfection of any security is by **actual possession of the security**. See Matter of Staff Mortg. & Inv. Corp., 550 F.2d 1228 (9th Cir 1977). Unequivocally the Court's rule is that in order to prove the "instrument", possession is mandatory.

Under U.C.C. 3 - 501 (b) 2 (a) the original wet ink signature promissory note is the only allowable evidence as proof of claim. The original promissory note is **critical material evidence** [emphasis] to support the Defendant's proof of claim as it contains the only valid and legally binding chain of title of assignment on the negotiable instrument and identifies who the last legal Holder in Due Course. A photocopy of the instrument made years ago is insufficient proof of claim and is rejected by the Plaintiff² as it does not provide any evidence as to who the **current** [emphasis] Holder in Due Course is.

² Indymac Bank v. Boyd, 880 N.Y.S.2d 224 (2009).

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Under U.C.C. 3 - 308 (a), the signature in an instrument denied by the Party under whom enforcement is required is not admissible. The burden of proof must be bore by the Party seeking enforcement (the Defendant). Therefore, for the purpose of this controversy, all photocopies of the promissory note is considered a forgery as the signature on any photocopy supplied by the Defendant can not be verified, and its authenticity is disputed. If Defendant can not show they are a Note Holder in Due Course nor establish lawful authority from the true Note Holder in Due Course, then they have no Standing to have the right of enforcement or claim as a creditor. No record document suggests that New Century Mortgage transferred its beneficial interest to Wells Fargo, or USBANK The Plaintiff motions this Court to take Judicial Notice of the Memorandum in Support of the Declaratory Judgment for this case. 3) The Defendant lacks Standing as a Creditor in this controversy. Fed. R. Civ. P. 17 states "an action must be prosecuted in the name of the real party of interest." The standing doctrine "involves both constitutional limitations on federal court jurisdiction and prudential limitations on its exercise." Kowalski v. Tesmer,

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Seldin, 422 U.S. 490, 498, 95 S. Ct. 2197, 45 L. Ed. 2D 343 (1975)). Constitutional standing under Article III requires, at a minimum, that a party must have suffered some actual or threatened injury as a result of the defendant's conduct, that the injury be traced to the challenged action, and that it is likely to be redressed by a favorable decision. (Valley Forge Christian Coll. V. Am. United for Separation of Church and State, 454 U.S 464, 472, 102 S. Ct. 752, 70 L. Ed. 2d 700 (1982) (citations and internal quotations omitted)). Beyond the Article III requirements of injury in fact, causation, and redressibility, the creditor must also have prudential standing, which is a judiciallycreated set of principles that places limits on the class of persons who may invoke the courts' powers. (Warth v. Seldin, 422 U.S. 490, 499, 95 S. Ct. 2197, 45 L.Ed. 2d 343 (1975)). As a prudential matter, a plaintiff must assert "his own legal interests as the real party in interest". (Dunmore v. United States, 358 F.3d 1107, 1112 (9th Cir. 2004), as found in Fed. R. Civ. P 17, which provides "an action must be prosecuted in the name of the real party of interest" In order to have Standing in this controversy, the Defendant must show that they are a real party of interest (Patton v. Diemer, 35 Ohio St. 3d 68; 518 N.E.2d 941; 1988), In re Weisband v. GMAC, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE

DISTRICT OF ARIZONA. Case No. 4:09-bk-05175-EWH.

Under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, a Creditor is defined as a party who has Debited his account and Credits the Debtor. ³, ⁴

If the Defendant can not show actual loss as a result of the issuance of the loan, they are not a real party of interest and therefore do not have Standing in this controversy.

X. CONCLUSION

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If the Defendant wishes to claim standing as a creditor, they must first provide proof that they are in fact entitled to enforce the security instrument. Much like making payments for a stolen vehicle, under Ohio Commercial Code, the Debtor is entitled to demand proof of ownership of the Note and/or written authority from the boni fide holder in due course from the Defendant.

³ "Neither, as included in its powers not incidental to them, is it a part of a bank's business to lend its credit. If a bank could lend its credit as well as its money, it might, if it received compensation and was careful to put its name only to solid paper, make a great deal more than any lawful interest on its money would amount to. If not careful, the power would be the mother of panics . . . Indeed, lending credit is the exact opposite of lending money, which is the real business of a bank, for while the latter creates a liability in favor of the bank, the former gives rise to a liability of the bank to another. *I Morse. Banks and Banking* 5th Ed. Sec 65; *Magee, Banks and Banking*, 3rd Ed. Sec 248." *American Express Co. v. Citizens State Bank*, 181 Wis. 172, 194 NW 427 (1923).

⁴ "A bank is not the holder in due course upon merely crediting the depositors account." *Bankers Trust v. Nagler*, 23 A.D.2d 645, 257 N.Y.S.2d 298 (1965).

If the Defendant can not produce valid proof of claim, then they are not a real party of interest and therefore have no Standing in this controversy and must be removed from the record as a creditor against the Plaintiff and their property.

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XI. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully moves this Honorable Court that should the Defendant fail to produce proof of claim, that this Honorable Court enters a judgment ordering the following remedies:

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a) Declare the Debt null and void, and unenforceable between the Parties until such times a real boni fide real party of interest presents itself.

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b) Defendant Releases all claims against Plaintiff in relations to this case due to lack of proof of claim and standing.

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c) No further action can be taken against Plaintiff, including but not limited to foreclosure sale, Quiet Title Action or collections.

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d) Removes all derogatory reporting with the credit bureaus in relations to this case and reporting this account as "Settled in Full".

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e) Mark this Note as "Settled in Full" for the Defendant's own record as well as all public records including but not limited to; all credit bureaus and county records.

1	f) Return all monies collected on this transaction to date with the same interest as		
2		the original promissory note, calculated from the date of the loan, paid in one	
3		lump sum within 30 days	
4	g)	g) Order the Defendant to issue a full reconveyance on the Mortgage within 30	
5		days. Failing this, after which, authorize the Plaintiff to reconvey the property	
6		and declare the Mortgage null and void.	
7	h)	Any and all other remedies appropriate and necessary deemed by this Honorable	
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11		Gwendolyn Bibbs, Plaintiff in Pro Per	
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XI. VERIFICATION

I, Gwendolyn Bibbs hereby declare that the above statements are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that we understand it is made for use as evidence in court and is subject to penalty for perjury.

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Appearing and sworn before me this 11 day of October, 2016.

Having appearing before me and providing sufficient proof and evidence to be the person declaring this verification to be Gwendolyn Bibbs

My Commission Expires:



SHAWN L.Z. DEGOLYER Notary Public, State of Ohio My Commission Expires May 20, 2021

IN THE UNITED STATES BANRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

Date: September 12, 2016

Gwendolyn Bibbs sir Juris	CASE NO.:
6838 Sayler Ave	
Cincinnati, Ohio 45233	
Vs	MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT
USBANK	OF DECLARATORY JUDGMENT
(Notice to Agents is Notice to Principles	
Notice to Principles is Notice to Agents)	
Defendant.	

MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

Plaintiffs Gwendolyn Bibbs submit this Memorandum in Support of the Declaratory Judgment.

SUMMARY

At issue is who the Holder is and whether the Defendant has the authority of or from the Holder. There is no evidence that support the Defendant as having any authority to claim the position of creditor.

<u>ARGUMENTS</u>

As the debt is a negotiable instrument, Ohio Commercial Code is applicable in determining the rights and obligations of each party.

Under, ORC 1303.31, the authority to enforce the promissory note comes directly from the Holder in Due Course. ORC 1303.31States:

"Person entitled to enforce" an instrument means (a) the holder of the instrument, (b) a non-holder in possession of the instrument who has the rights of a holder, or (c) a person not in possession of the instrument who is entitled to enforce the instrument pursuant to 1303.36 A person may be a person entitled to enforce the instrument even though the person is not the owner of the instrument or is in wrongful possession of the instrument.

Wherein, to enforce the note, the claimant must either be the holder of the instrument or have the rights of a holder (Massachusetts In re Schwartz, 366 B.R.265 (Bankr. D. Mass. 2007)). The Defendant have not provided evidence to support this.

Under F.R.B.P. Rule 3001 (d), the Defendant must provide valid proof of claim as a creditor and states:

Rule 3001(d) Evidence of perfection of security interest.

If a security interest in property of the debtor is claimed, the proof of claim shall be accompanied by evidence that the security interest has been perfected.

HERE, the Defendant have not provided any valid proof of claim as evidence by ORC 1303.61 (b) 2 (a) which states:

(2) Upon demand of the person to whom presentment is made, the person making presentment shall **(A) exhibit the instrument** [emphasis], (B) give reasonable identification and, if presentment is made on behalf of another person, reasonable evidence of authority to do so, and (C) sign a receipt on the instrument for any payment made or surrender the instrument if full payment is made.

The original promissory note is **critical material evidence** [emphasis] to support the Defendant's proof of claim as it contains the only valid and legally binding chain of title of assignment on the negotiable instrument and identifies who the last legal Holder in Due Course. A photocopy of the instrument made years ago is insufficient proof of claim (*Indymac Bank v. Boyd*, 880 N.Y.S.2d 224 (2009) and Nosek v. Ameriquest Mortgage Company (In re Nosek), 286 Br. 374 (Bankr D Mass. 2008).) and is rejected by the Plaintiff as it does not provide any evidence as to who the *current* [emphasis] Holder in Due Course is. There is no evidence of the transfer from the original lender to the Defendant.

Under ORC 1303.36 the signature in an instrument denied by the Party under whom enforcement is required is not admissible. The burden of proof must be bore by the Party seeking enforcement (the Defendant). Therefore, for the purpose of this controversy, all photocopies of the promissory note is considered a forgery as the signature on any photocopy supplied by the Defendant cannot be verified, and its authenticity is disputed.

If Defendant cannot show they are a Note Holder in Due Course nor establish lawful authority from the true Note Holder in Due Course, then they have no Standing to have the right of enforcement.(521 F.Supp. 2d (S.D. Ohio 2007) and Illinois U.S. Bank, N.A. v. Cook, 2009 WL 35286 (N.D. III. January 6, 2009).)

(the "Boyko" decision from Ohio Federal Court CASE NO. NO.1:07CV2282, 07CV2532, 07CV2560, 07CV2602, 07CV2631, 07CV2638, 07CV2681, 07CV2695, 07CV2920, 07CV2930, 07CV2949, 07CV2950, 07CV3000, 07CV3029).

No record document suggests that New Century Mortgage, transferred its beneficial interest to Wells Fargo or UBANK. Transfer of mortgage paper may be made outright (sale) or by pledge (as a security for a loan to the transferor.). In either event, to perfect the transfer, a sale of the note could be invalidated as a fraudulent conveyance and transfer in pledge could be invalidated as an unperfected (under ORC 1309.313 UCC 9-313). One without a pecuniary interest in the Mortgage Loan is not an oblige under the debt and, thus, has no legal standing to foreclose ab initio. (Watkins v. Bryan (1891) 91 C 492, 27 P 77).

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Even though the servicer may has physical custody of the note, custom in the mortgage industry is that the investor (Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, Ginnie Mae or a private investor) owns the beneficiary rights to the promissory note.

CONCLUSION

To provide proof of claim, the Defendant must produce the original wet ink signature as evidence showing the true chain of title transfer leading to the Defendant, endorsing the Defendant as the Holder in Due Course. The Defendant's reliance on MERS's assignment has no standing and is not enforceable.

Sundaly Bills

Gwendolyn Bibbs Sui Juris

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I sent the foregoing MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF DECLARATORY JUDGMENT to:

Mia Conner Learner Sampson and Rothfuss 120 E 4th Street 8th Floor Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

by hand Oct 13, 2616.

Gwendolyn Bibbs